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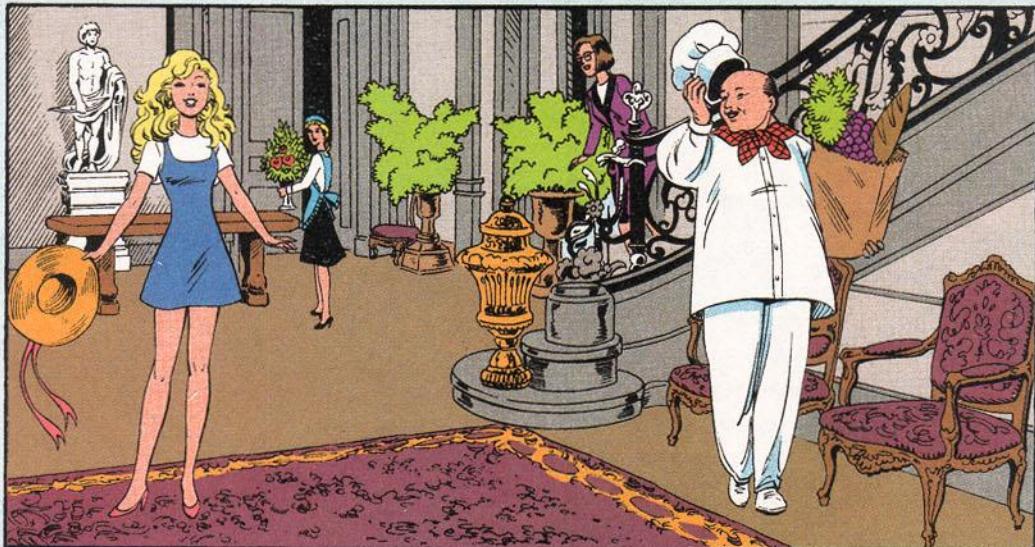
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HAD
THEIR
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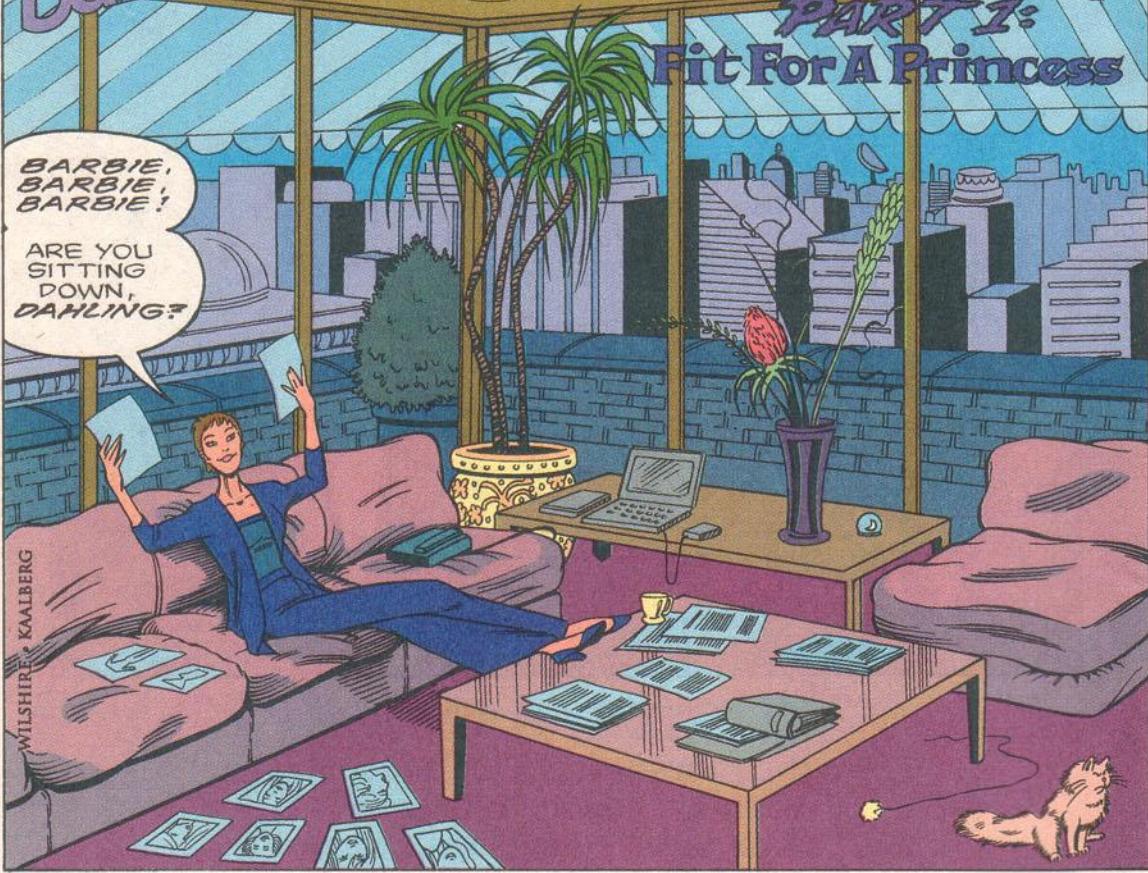
Barbie™ in MANSION MYSTERY

PART 1: Fit For A Princess

BARBIE,
BARBIE,
BARBIE!

ARE YOU
SITTING
DOWN,
DAHLING?

WILSHIRE • KAALBERG



WELL, NOT
EXACTLY,
EILEEN!

GREAT
NEWS!
YOU'RE
GOING TO
PARIS!



PARIS?
I LOVE
PARIS!
WHEN?



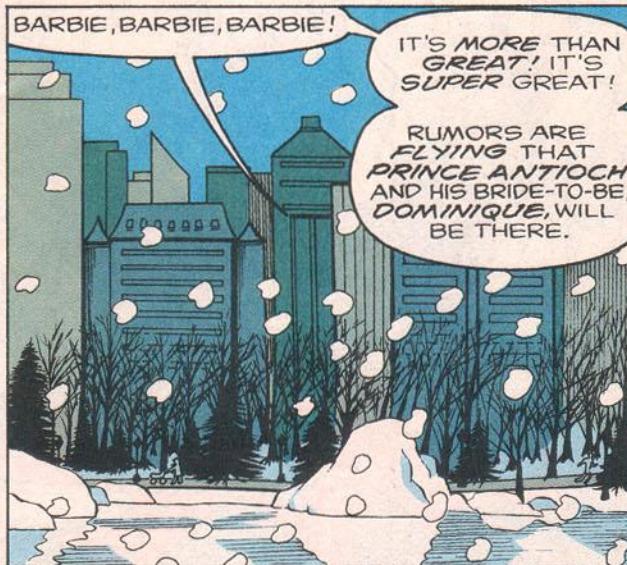
CLIVAN KAL IS SHOWING HIS TO-DIE-FOR SPRING LINE AND EVERYONE WHO IS ANYONE WILL BE THERE!



CLIVAN CHOSE YOU, DAHLING, TO MODEL HIS SPECTACULAR BRIDAL GOWN!



BARBIE, BARBIE, BARBIE!



OH, BARBIE! IT'S ALL JUST TOO GLAMOROUS FOR WORDS!



...WHEN AM I GOING TO PARIS?



CLIC



CLIVAN,
BARBIE LOOKS
DIVINE IN
YOUR
DESIGN!

THANK YOU,
LUCY. I JUST
HOPE PRINCE ANTOUCH
CHOSES ONE OF
MY BRIDAL GOWNS
FOR HIS PRINCESS!

THEN MY DESIGN
WILL BE ON
EVERY MAGAZINE
COVER IN
THE COUNTRY!



TRÈS
BELLE!*

CLIK!

CLIK!

SUPERB!

OOH
LA
LA!

CLIK!

BRAVO!

MAGNIFIQUE!

WHEN I GET
MARRIED, I WANT
THAT GOWN!

OOOH!

TELL
CLIVAN KAL
DOMINIQUE WILL
TRY THAT
BRIDAL GOWN.

OUI, YOUR
MAJESTY!

CLIK!

BARBIE!
OVER
HERE!

WHIRR!

BARBIE
IS WEARING
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH...

*VERY BEAUTIFUL
IN FRENCH.--

Hildy

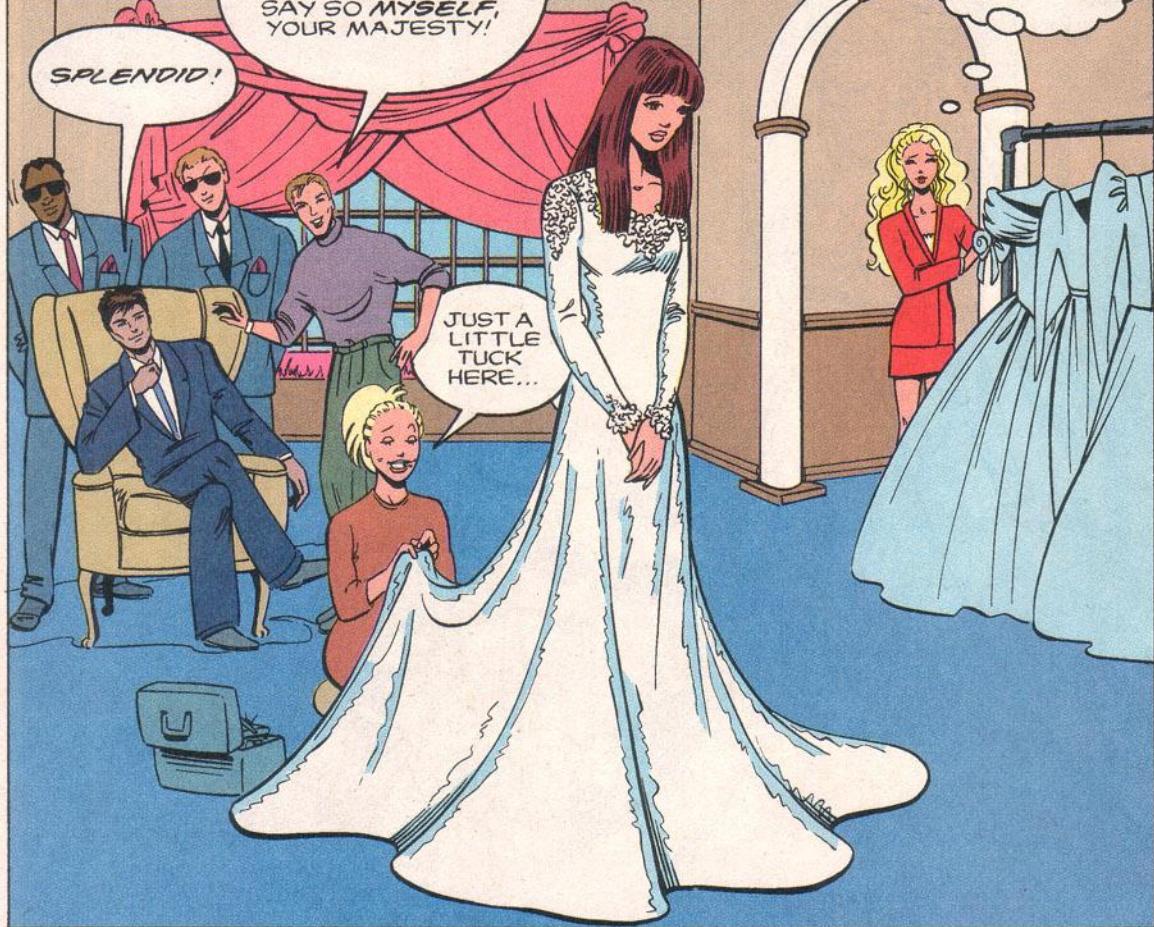
AND SOON...

SHE'S EXQUISITE!
IT'S A DRESS MADE
FOR A PRINCESS,
EVEN IF I DO
SAY SO MYSELF,
YOUR MAJESTY!

SPLENDID!

SHE
LOOKS SO
UNHAPPY!

JUST A
LITTLE
TUCK
HERE...



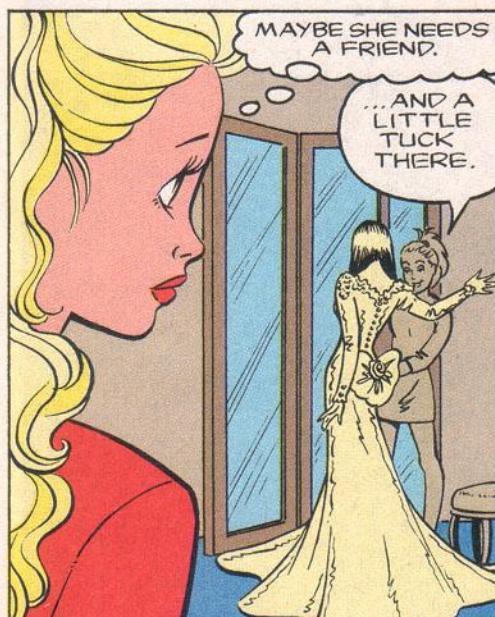
MAYBE SHE NEEDS
A FRIEND.

...AND A
LITTLE
TUCK
THERE.

WE'LL TAKE IT!

A BRILLIANT CHOICE,
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.

HERE A TUCK,
THERE A TUCK...

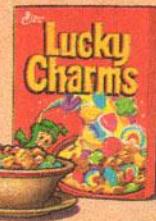


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Marshmallow
Shape!

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page so that
the arrows meet.

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M A L L N M C C W 4 3 2 2 P L P L O W
P O O K I A A S W Q D I F G F T
O L V E X V O O U U G F F F
G O U 2 H O 3 C J J U C E L D



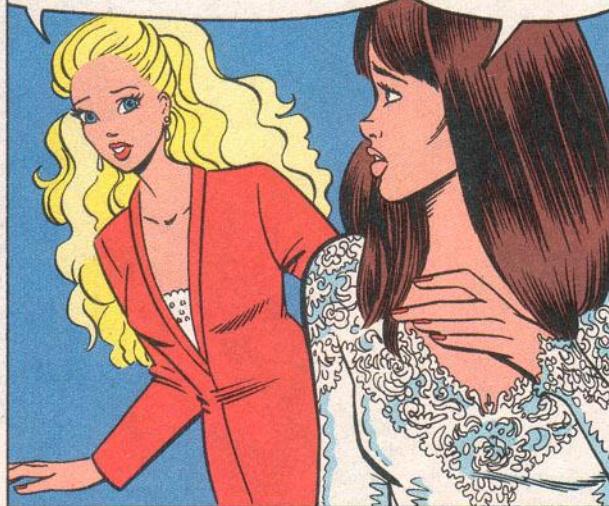
NOBODY EVEN ASKED
HER IF **SHE** LIKED
THE DRESS!

...EVERWHERE
A TUCK TUCK!



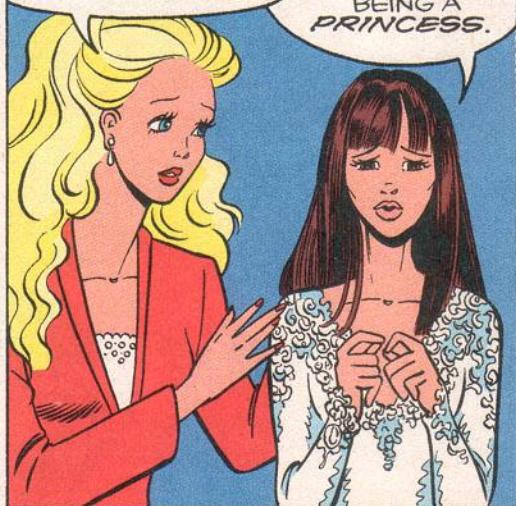
HELLO, DOMINIQUE. I'M BARBIE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

OH, BARBIE.
IT'S HOPELESS!



WHAT'S THE MATTER,
DOMINIQUE?

I KNOW
NOTHING OF
BEING A
PRINCESS.



AND I FEAR I'M NOT
GOING TO BE A VERY
GOOD ONE.



I WANT MY PRINCE,
AND THE PEOPLE OF
MY VILLAGE, TO BE
PROUD OF ME.

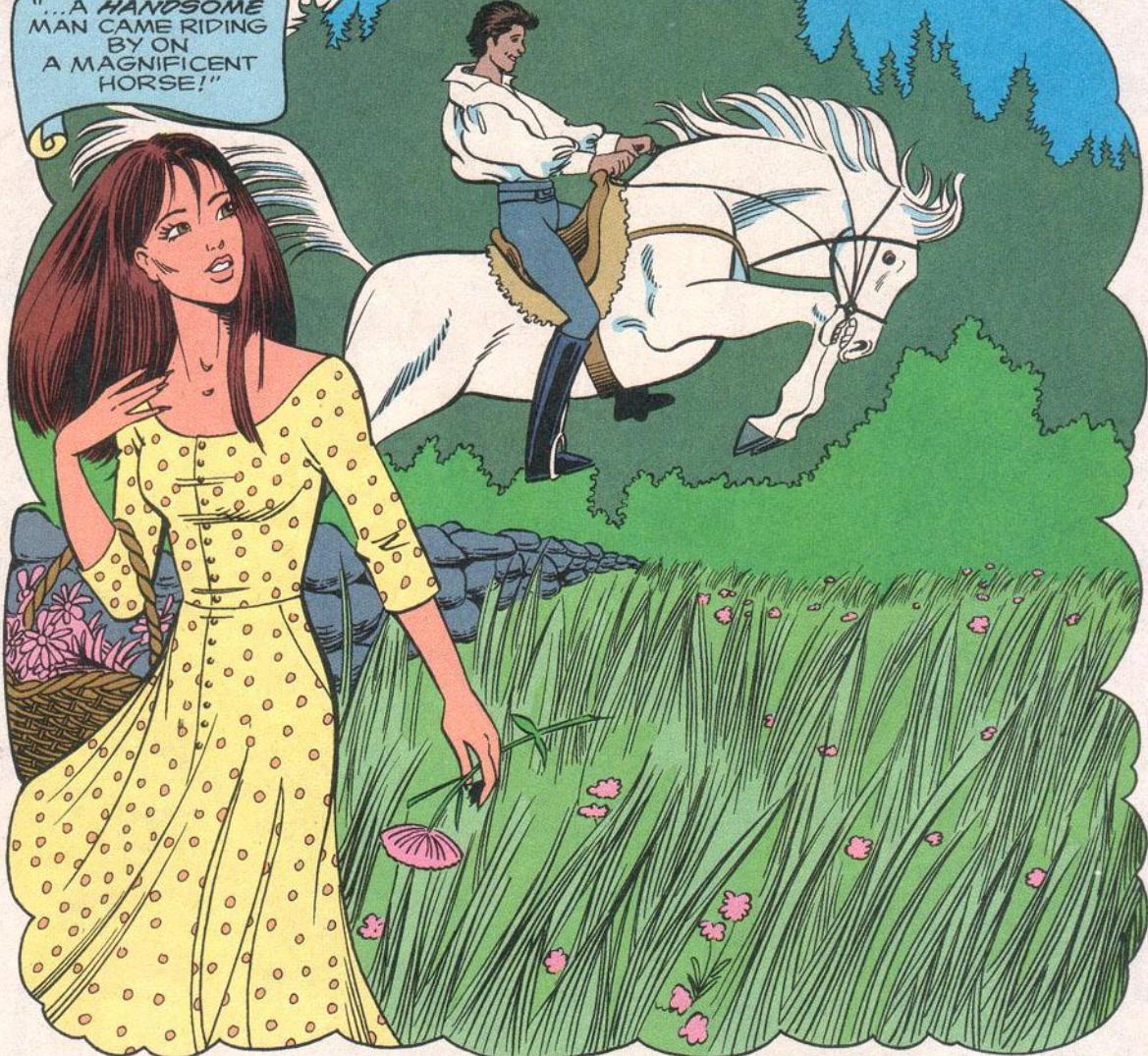


SO MUCH HAS
HAPPENED
SO FAST!

"ONE DAY I WAS WALKING IN
THE BEAUTIFUL GREEN FIELDS
BACK HOME WHEN...



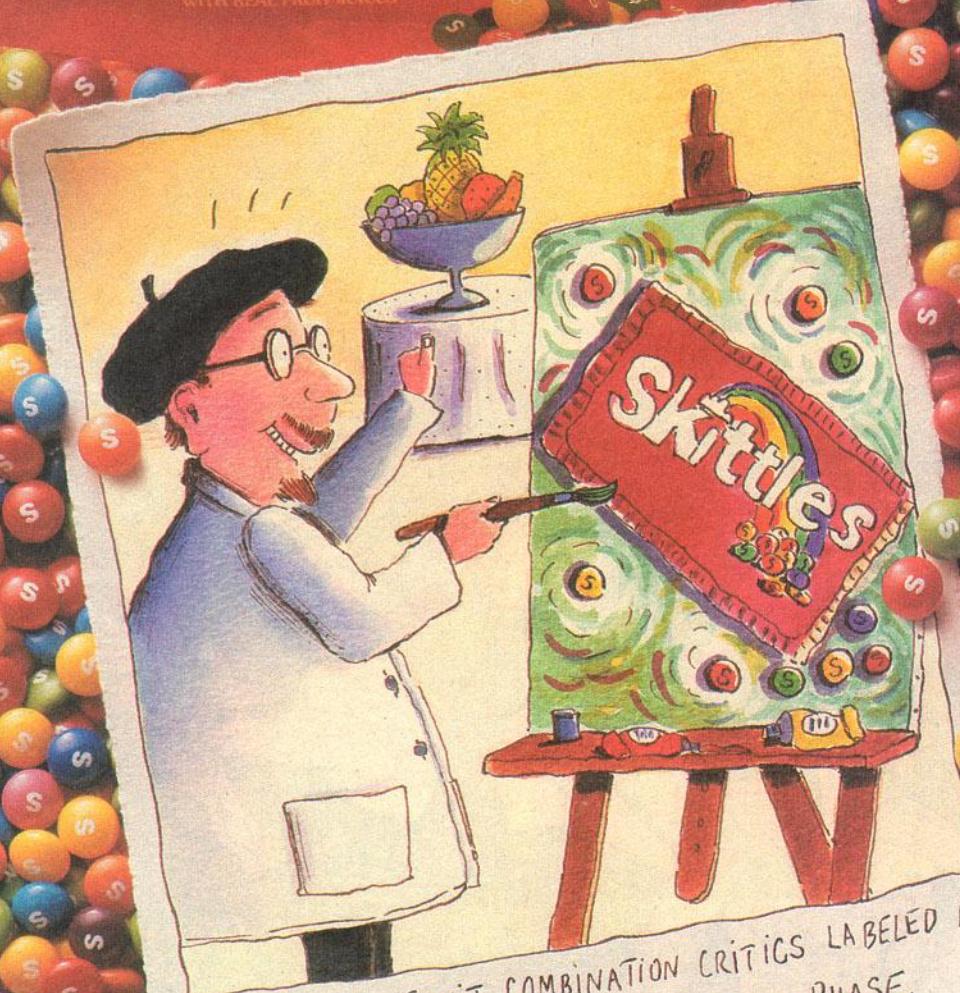
...A HANDSOME MAN CAME RIDING BY ON A MAGNIFICENT HORSE!"



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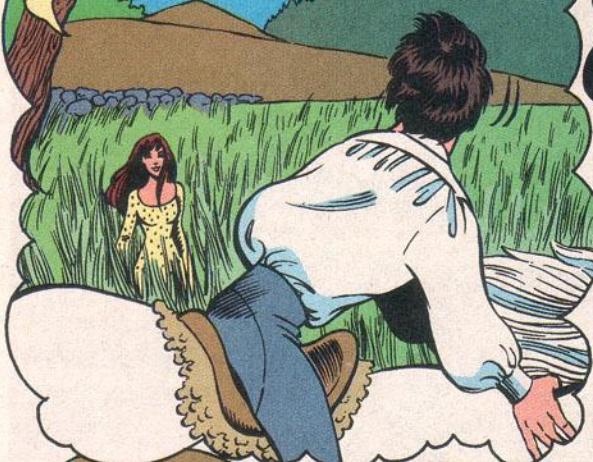
"FROM THE TALL GRASS, I
WATCHED THE HANDSOME
MAN FEED HIS HORSE..."

"...THEN JUMP FENCES."



SUDDENLY OUR EYES MET --
IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!
THEN"

CONK!



OH, MY GOODNESS!

ARE
YOU
OKAY?

I AM NOW!
WHO
ARE YOU?

OOOHHH!



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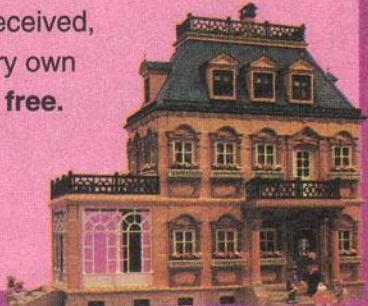


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I AM DOMINIQUE.

AND I AM
PRINCE
ANTIOCH.

"AND SEVERAL MONTHS
LATER..."

WILL
YOU MARRY
ME?

OH YES,
MY PRINCE!

LUCKILY, HE
WASN'T HURT!

THAT SOUNDS
JUST LIKE
A FAIRY TALE,
DOMINIQUE!

IT IS,
BARBIE!

BUT I NEED
TO LEARN
HOW TO
TALK LIKE
A PRINCESS,
WALK LIKE
A PRINCESS
AND LOOK
LIKE A
PRINCESS.

YOU ARE **BEAUTIFUL** JUST
THE WAY YOU ARE, DOMINIQUE.

THANK
YOU,
BARBIE.

BUT I WISH
TO BE MORE
SOPHISTICATED...
LIKE YOU!

YOU ARE A FAMOUS
ROLE MODEL. WILL
YOU COME TO
THE CASTLE AND
TEACH ME?

I WOULD BE GLAD
TO HELP YOU,
DOMINIQUE!

BUT WE'RE IN
PARIS NOW!

IF YOU WANT
TO LEARN ABOUT
STYLE, JUST WATCH
THE WOMEN
OF PARIS!

OH,
BARBIE!
WHAT A
GREAT
IDEA!

PARIS FIRST, THEN
WE'LL GO TO
THE CASTLE!



LOUIE! PIERRE!
DOMINIQUE AND
BARBIE ARE
LEAVING!

THEY MAY NEED
YOUR HELP! STAY
WITH THEM!



BUT NOT TOO CLOSELY!
DOMINIQUE SAYS SHE CAN
TAKE CARE OF HERSELF.
SHE NEEDS HER
INDEPENDENCE.

DON'T WORRY,
YOUR HIGHNESS.

SHE
WILL NEVER
KNOW. WE'LL BE
RIGHT
BEHIND
HER!



TO BE
CONTINUED...

INSTANTLY WIN

ONE OF A MILLION FREE



T-SHIRTS, CHECK IT OUT...



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INSIDE **WABISCO OREO®** AND
CHIPS AHOY!® PACKAGES*



THAT'S NOT ALL THAT'S HIDDEN...



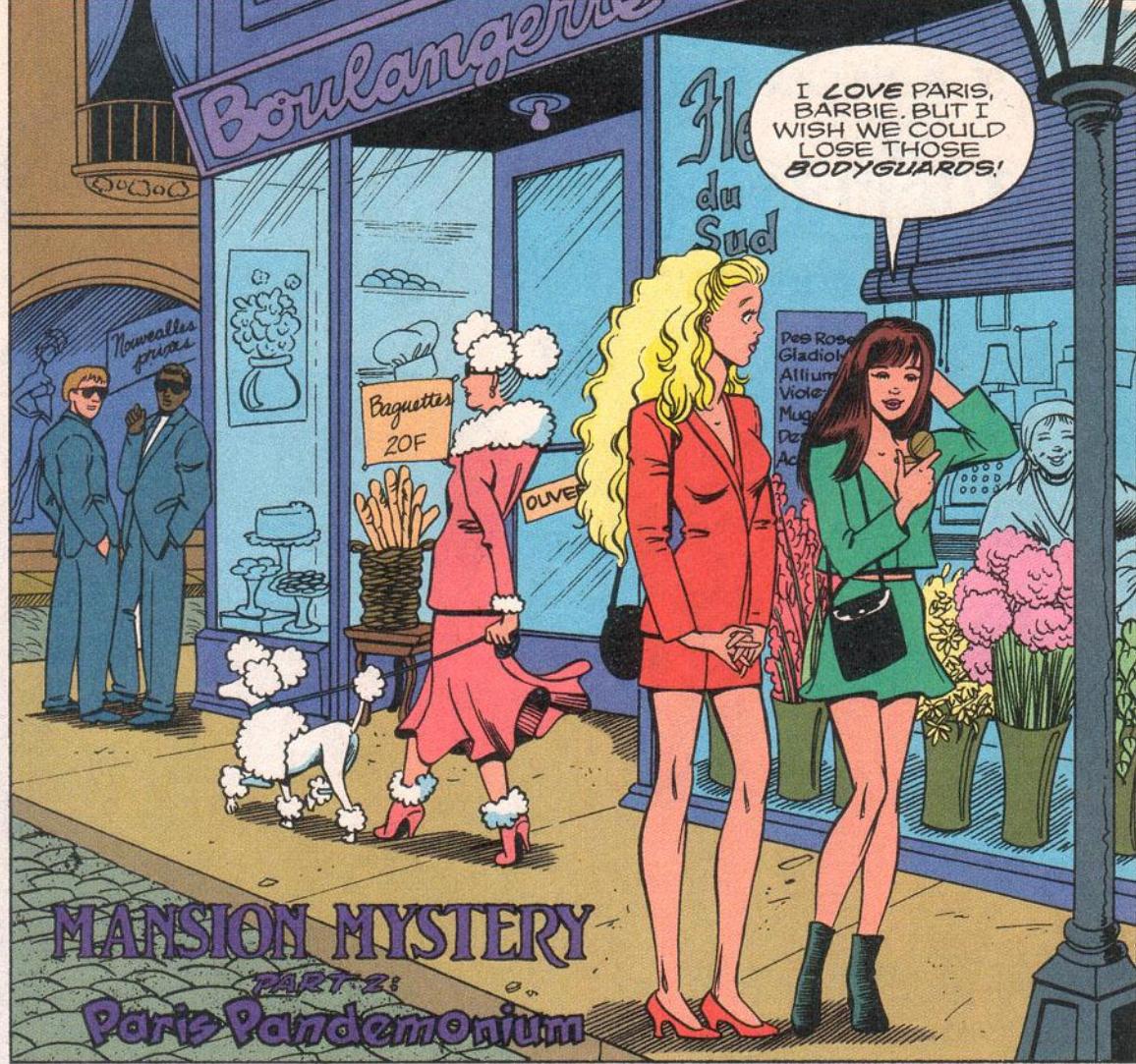
GET YOUR COOKIES NOW,
SOLVE THE MYSTERY...

AND SEE IF YOU'VE WON.

*LOOK INSIDE SPECIALLY MARKED PACKAGES FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN. BUT HURRY—ONLY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
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Boulangerie

I LOVE PARIS,
BARBIE. BUT I
WISH WE COULD
LOSE THOSE
BODYGUARDS!



MANSION MYSTERY

PART 2:

Paris Pandemonium

HMM...



COME WITH
ME, BARBIE!



MANSION MYSTERY

PART 3

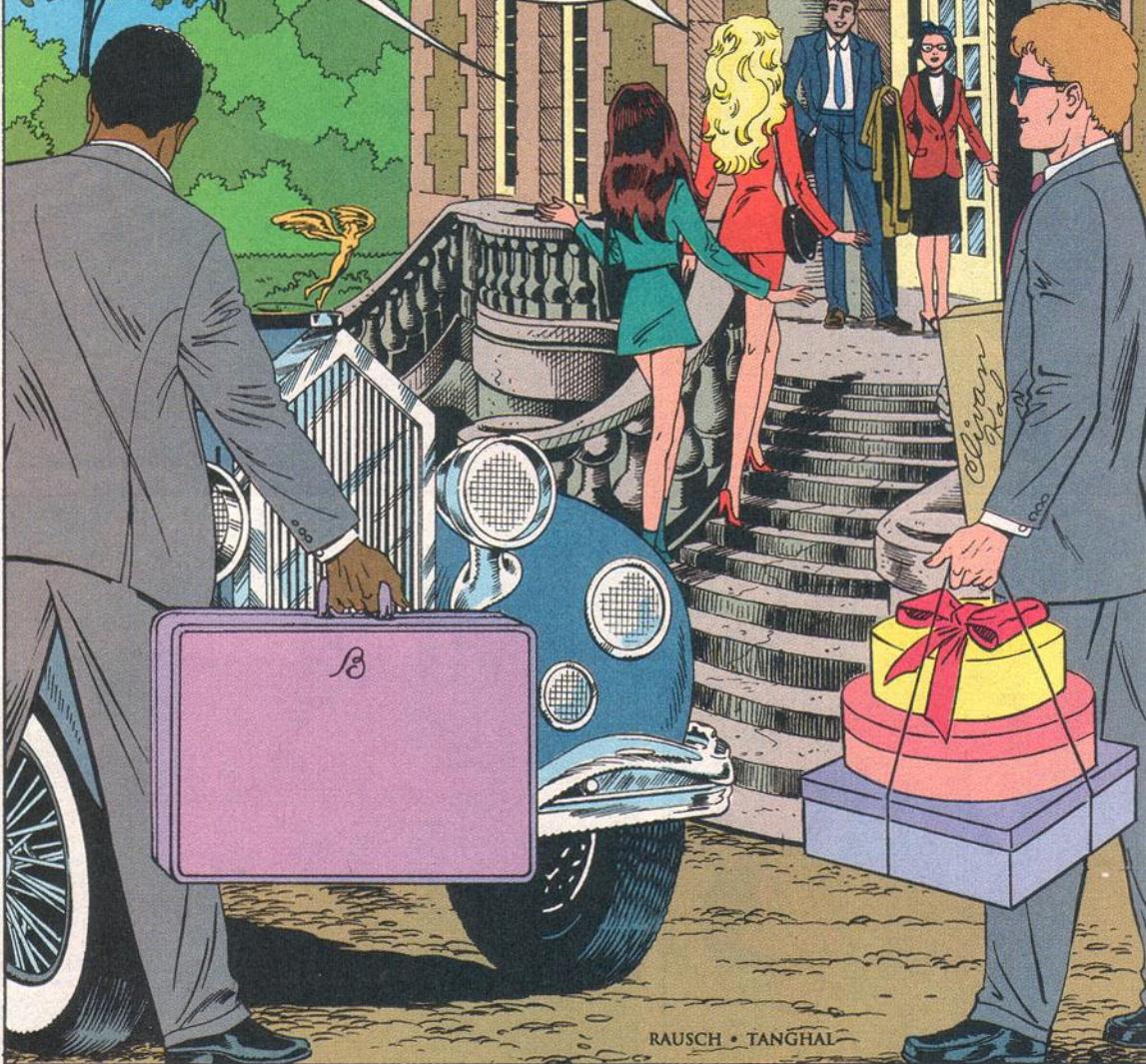
CASTLE HASSLE

BON JOUR,
DOMINIQUE!
BON JOUR, BARBIE!
WELCOME TO
CHATEAU
ANTIOCH!

WOW! IT'S
BREATHTAKING!

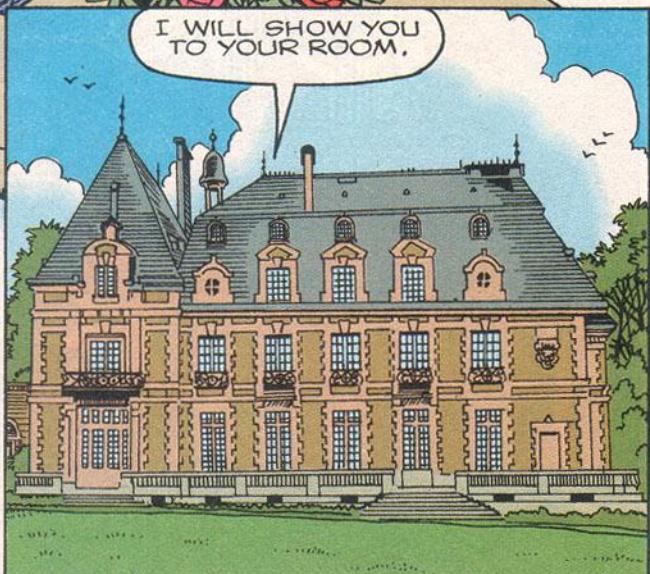
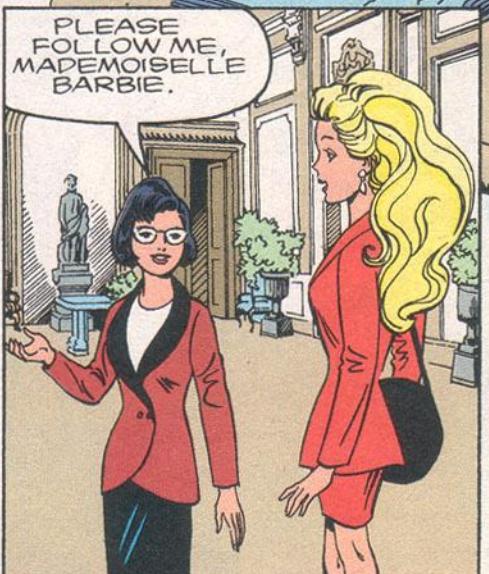
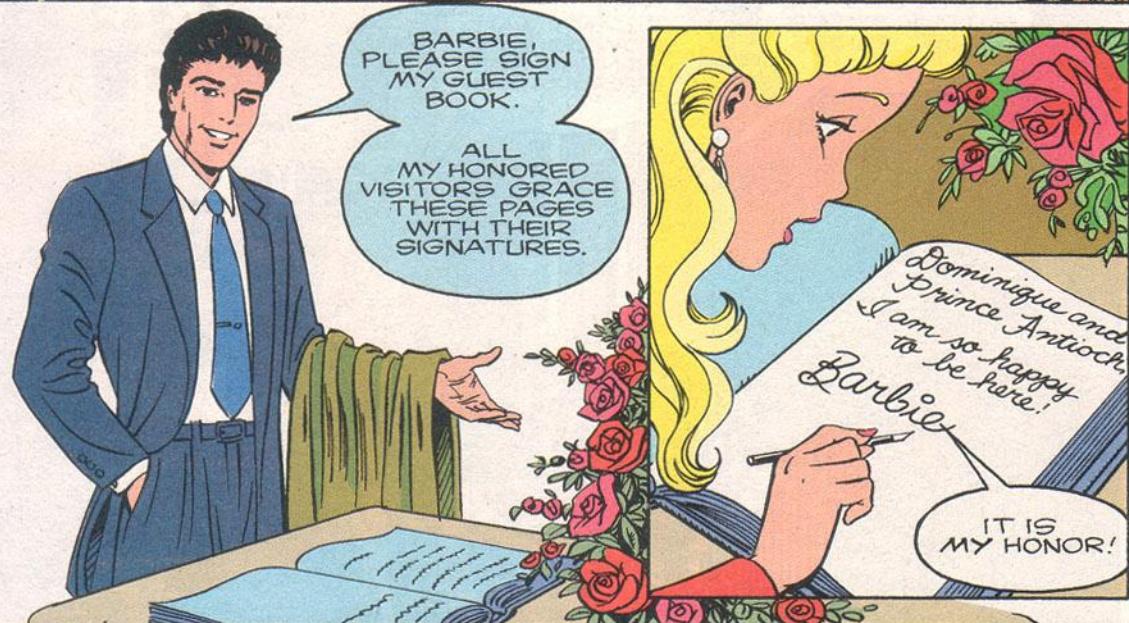
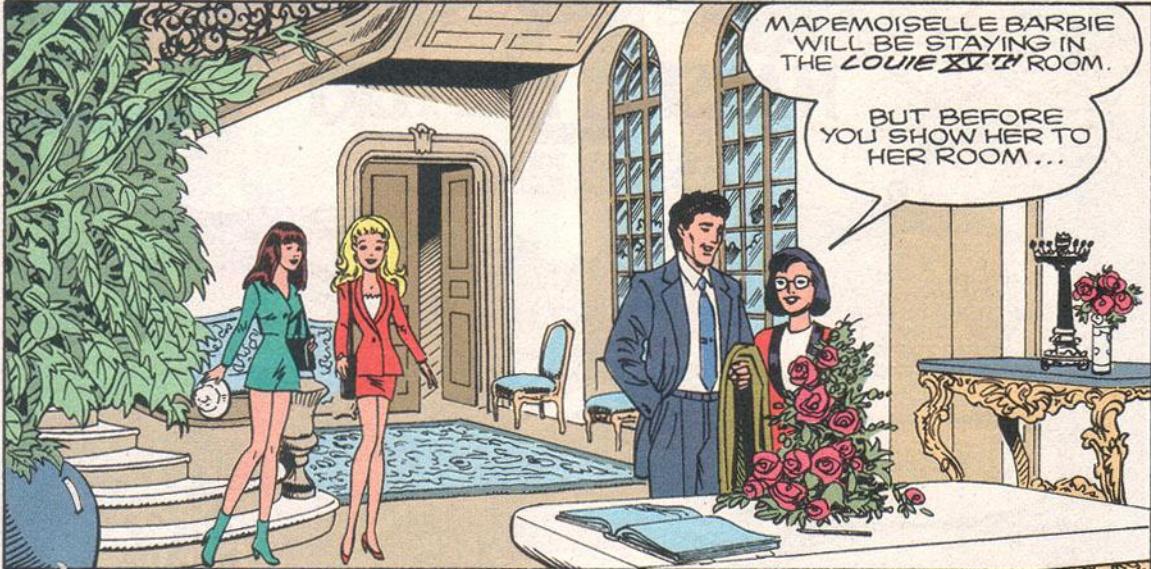
WE'LL GIVE YOU
A TOUR AFTER
DINNER, BARBIE.

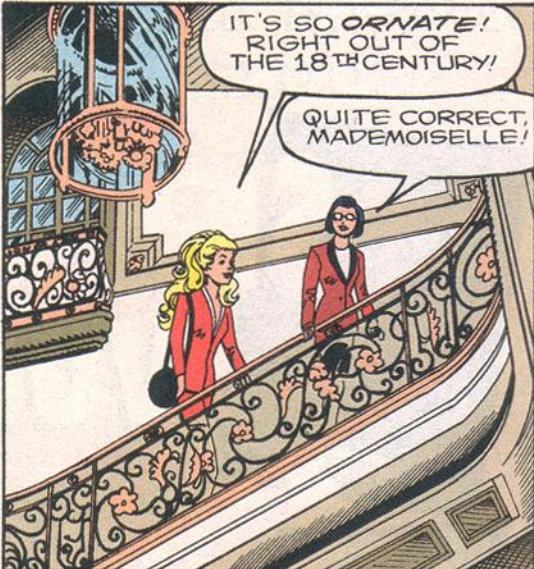
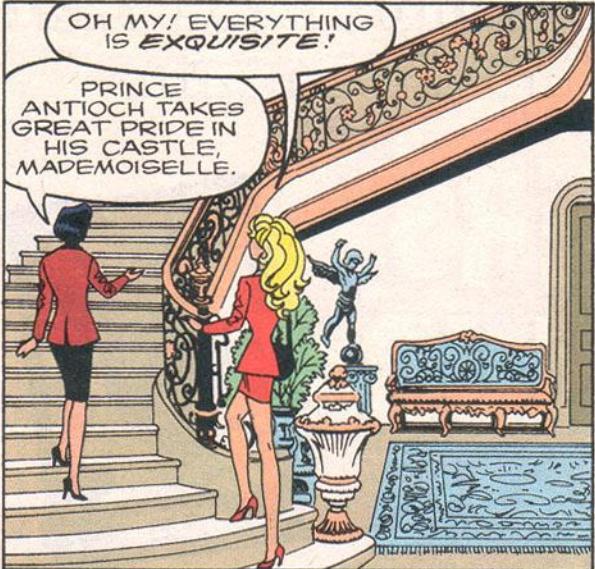
I CAN'T WAIT,
DOMINIQUE! I
WANT TO SEE
EVERYTHING!



MADMOISELLE BARBIE
WILL BE STAYING IN
THE LOUIE XV ROOM.

BUT BEFORE
YOU SHOW HER TO
HER ROOM ...





YOU SEE, ONE OF PRINCE ANTIOCH'S ANTIQUE PLACE SETTINGS HAS DISAPPEARED.



We'RE haPPy to aNnoUnCE tHat
COOKiE-CriSp® now cOntains

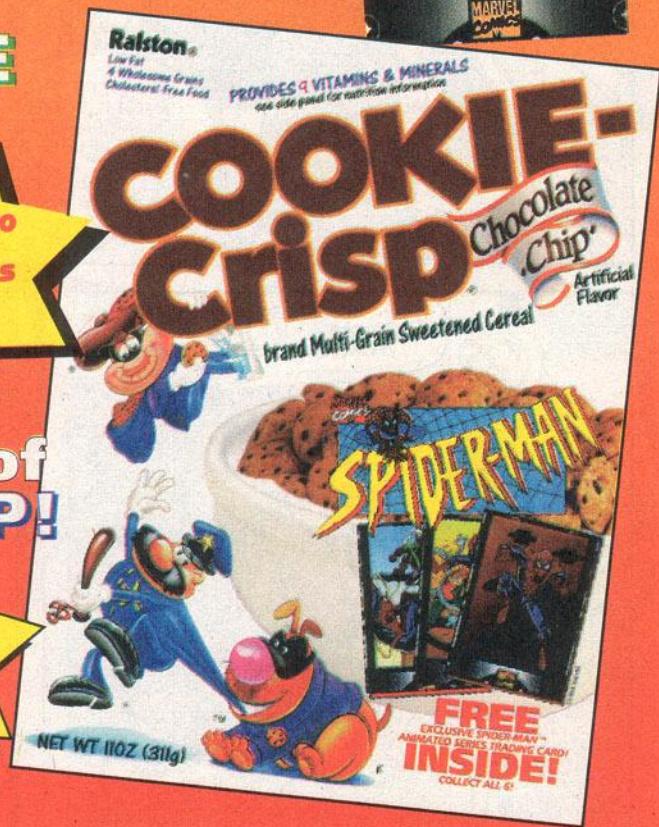
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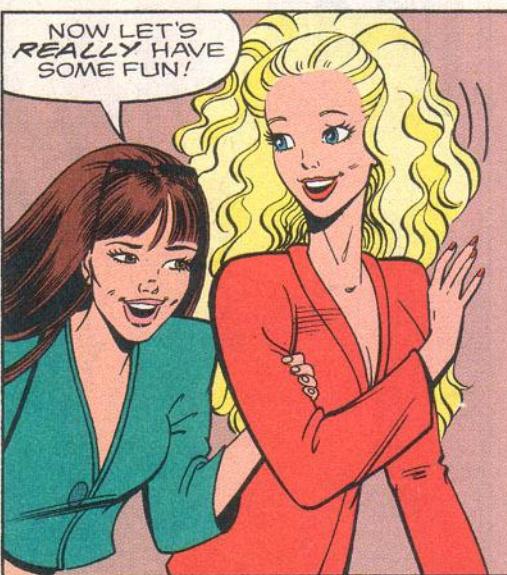
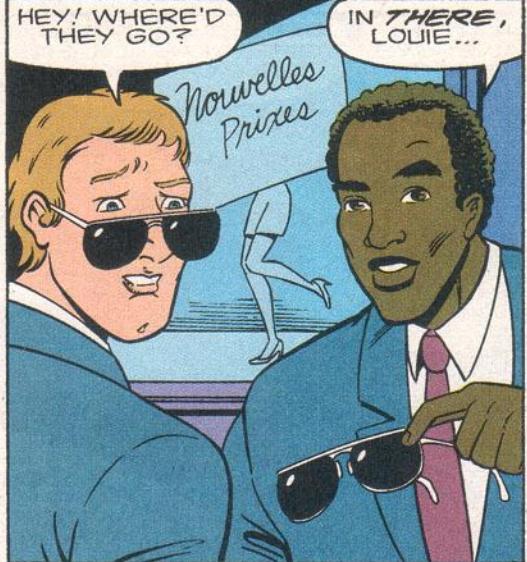
HEY! WHERE'D
THEY GO?

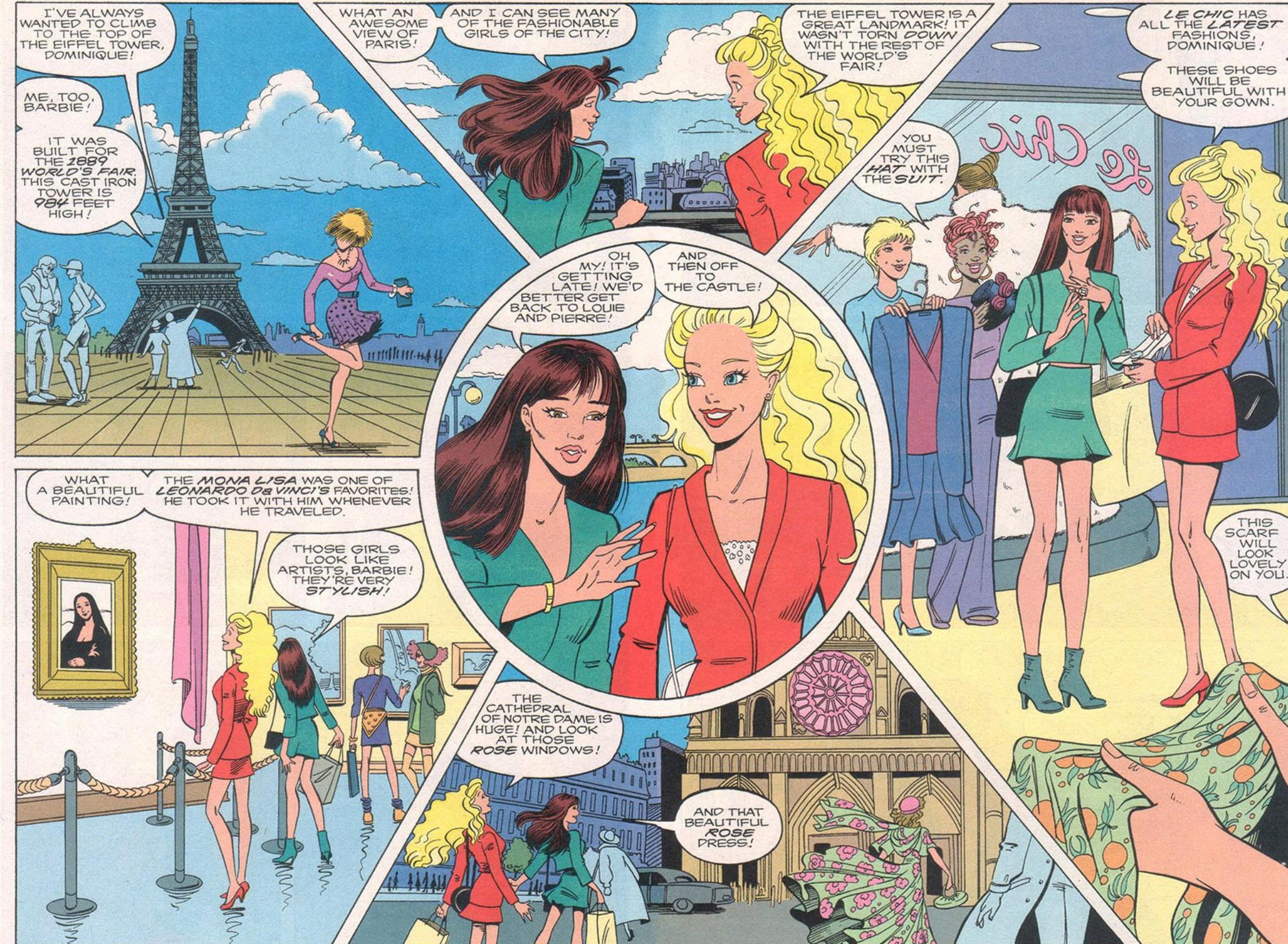
IN THERE,
LOUIE...

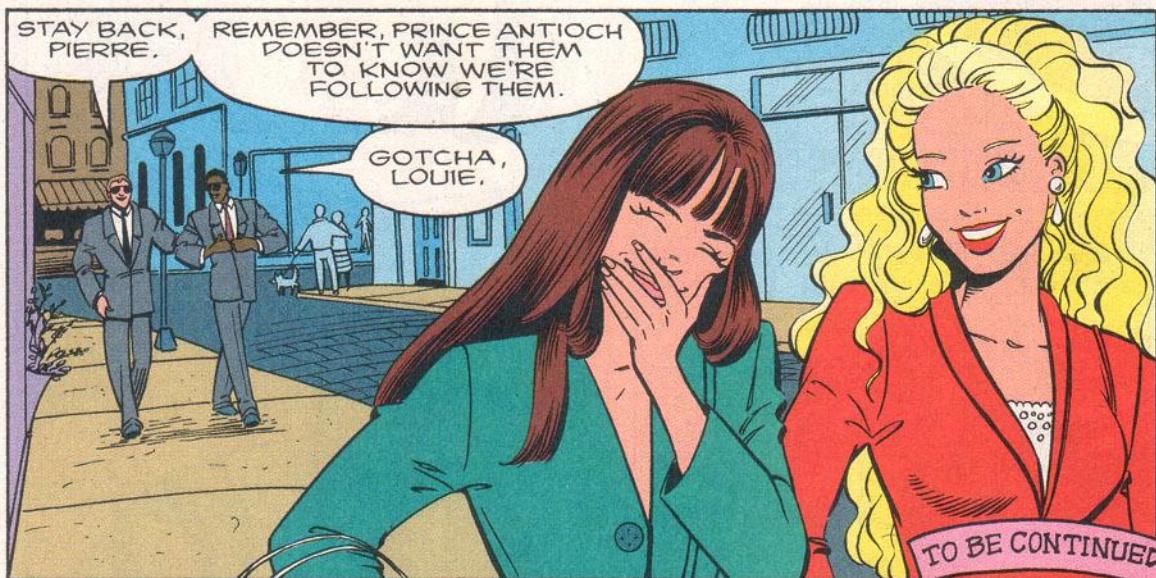
Nouvelles
Prixes

CALM DOWN,
YOU KNOW GIRLS--
THEY SHOP 'TILL
THEY DROP!

HAR, HAR, HAR!
THAT'S A
GOOD ONE,
PIERRE!







NOW TAKE THE BAGUETTES* FROM THE OVEN.

OUI, MAESTRO!
RIGHT A--

*FRENCH
BREAD. --
Hildy

-- WAY?! BUT THERE
ARE NO
BAGUETTES IN
THE OVEN!

OH NO!
NOT AGAIN!
SOMEBODY
HAS BEEN
STEALING
FOOD
FROM MY
KITCHEN!

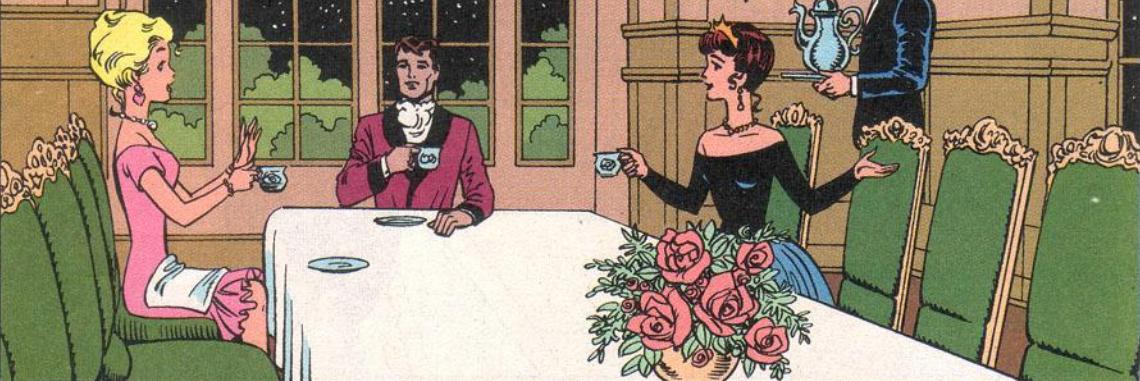
AND JUST
BETWEEN YOU
AND ME... I
THINK THE THIEF
IS EITHER
THE BUTLER OR
THE MAID!

LATER...

THANK
YOU,
EVERYTHING WAS
DELICIOUS!

I'M GLAD YOU
ENJOYED
THE DINNER,
BARBIE.

AND NOW, WE
WILL SHOW YOU
THE CASTLE! ALL
159 ROOMS.



AND SOON...

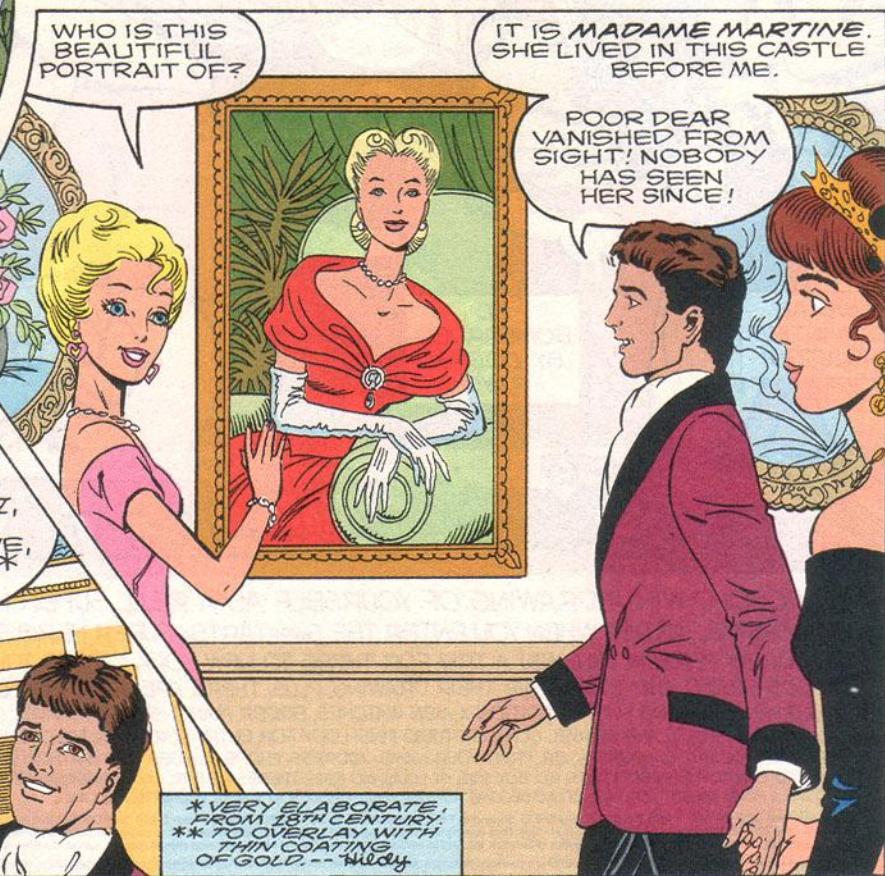
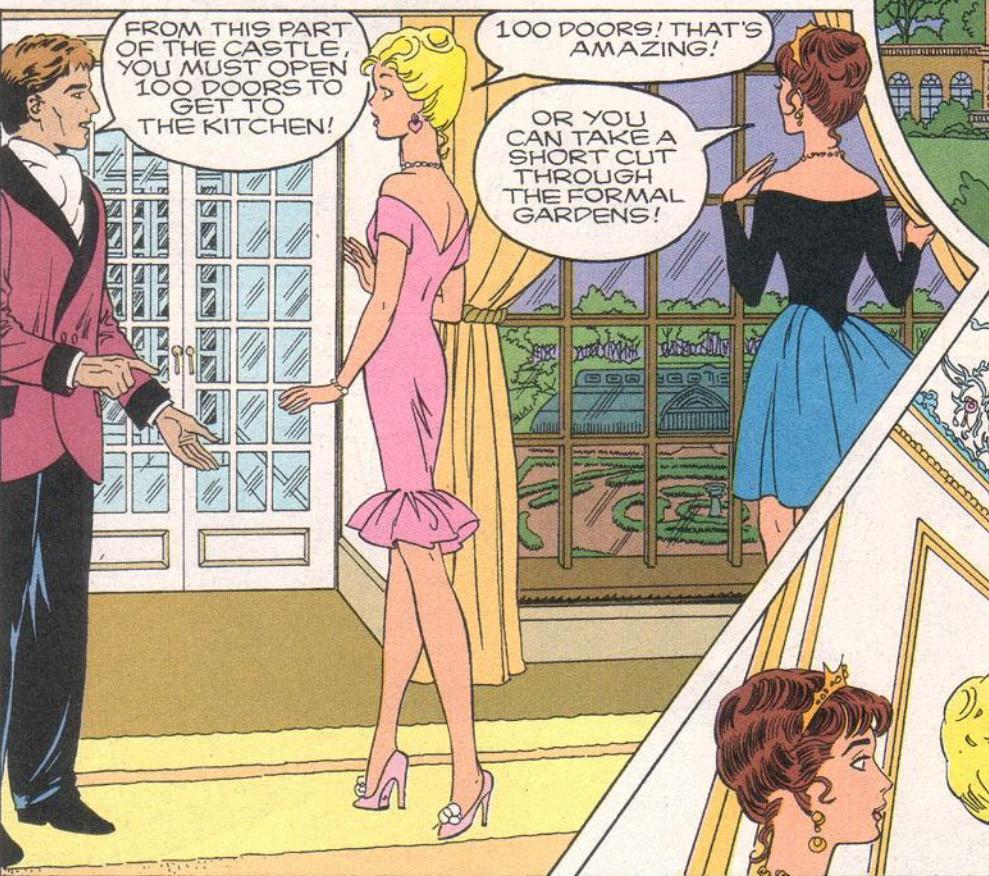
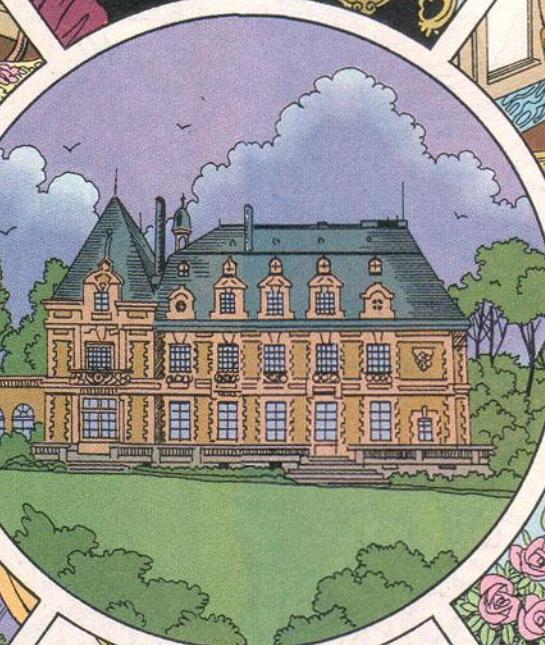
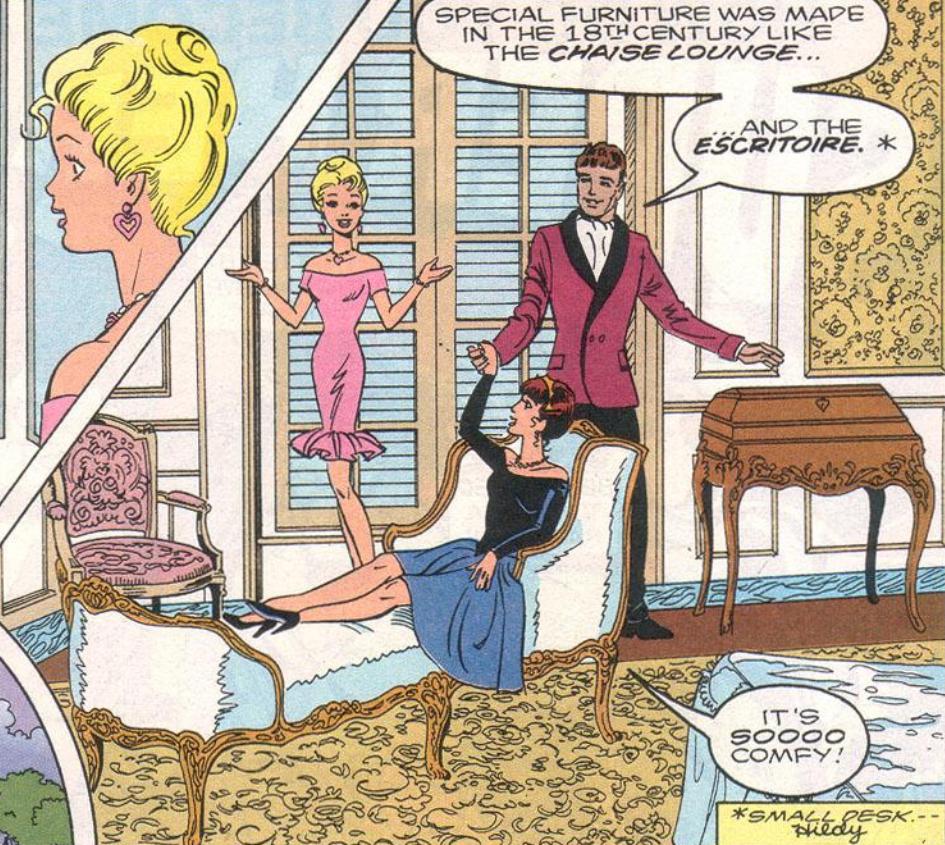
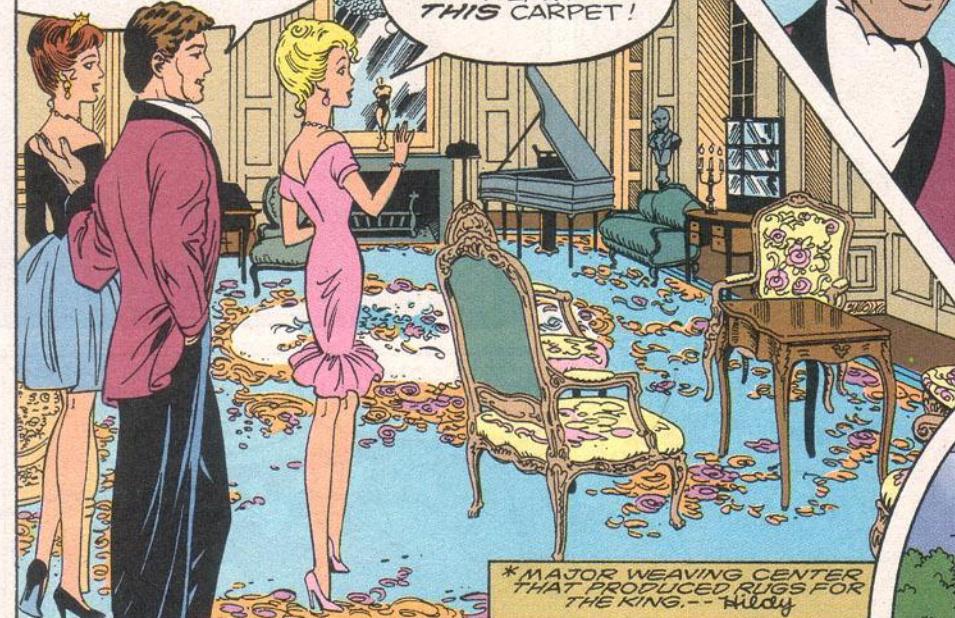
THIS ROOM IS DECORATED IN KING LOUIE XIV STYLE. THE CARPET IS AN AUBUSSON* CARPET. ONE PERSON COULD WEAVE JUST 32 SQUARE FEET IN ONE YEAR!

MY GOODNESS! IT MUST HAVE TAKEN YEARS TO WEAVE THIS CARPET!

THIS CLOCK IS FROM LOUIE XVI. HE LOVED TO TINKER WITH LOCKS AND CLOCKS.

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...AND THE ESCRITOIRE.*



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What's the best ~~X~~ part of
Peanut Butter Crunch's taste?



It's all...

peanut
butter.

peanut
butter

PEANUT BUTTER
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PEANUT BUTTER



PEANUT BUTTER

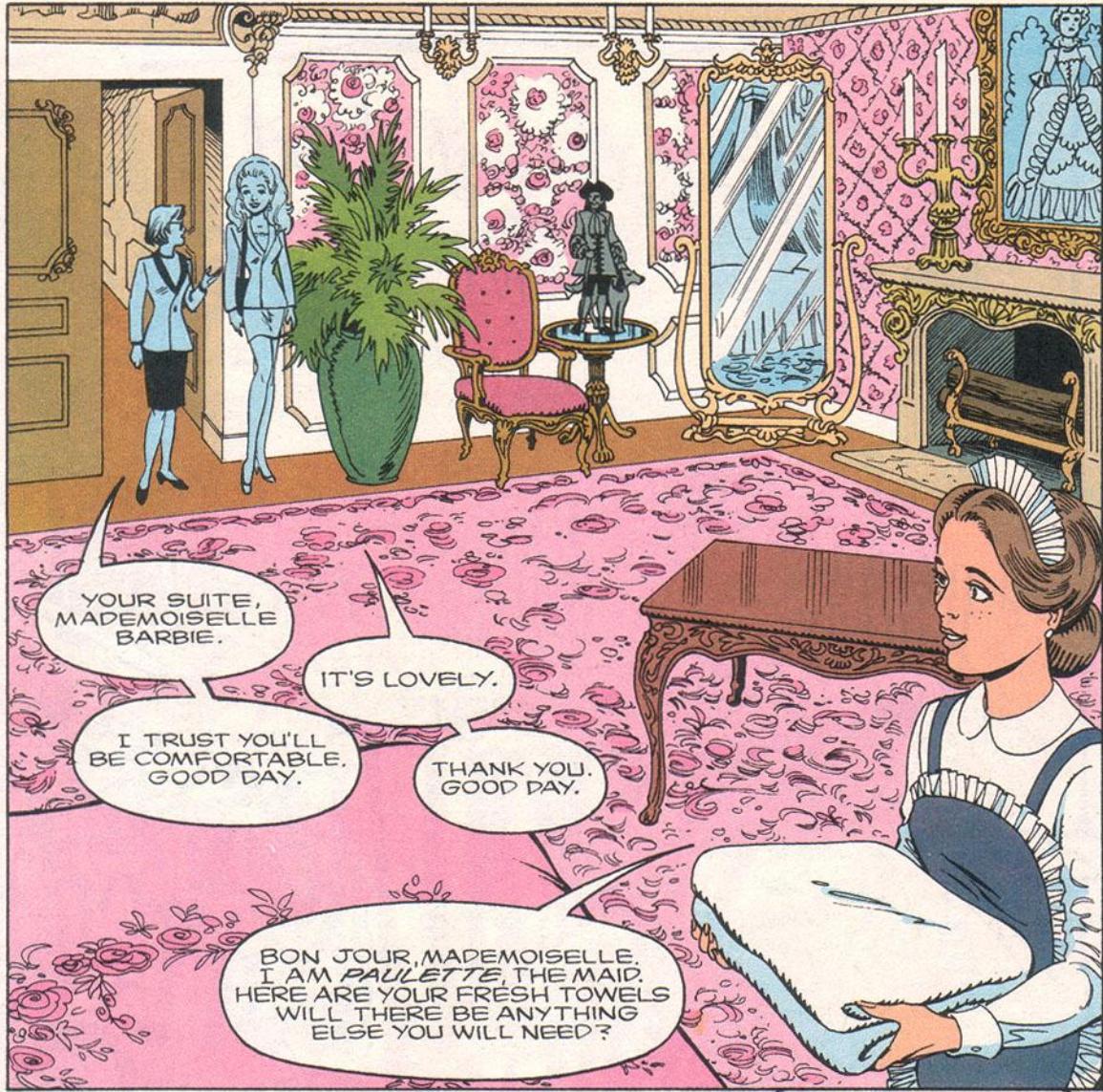
PEANUT BUTTER

peanut
butter

peanut
butter



the Crunch that Screams



PARDON, MADEMOISELLE.
THIS IS MY SON, RAYMOND.

BON JOUR,
RAYMOND.

BON JOUR,
MADEMOISELLE.

AS YOU CAN
SEE, MY SON
HAS AN
OVERACTIVE
IMAGINATION.

BUT I **REALLY** SAW HER,
MAMA, HONEST!

RUN ALONG
AND PLAY,
RAYMOND.

AND TRY
TO STAY
OUT OF
TROUBLE!

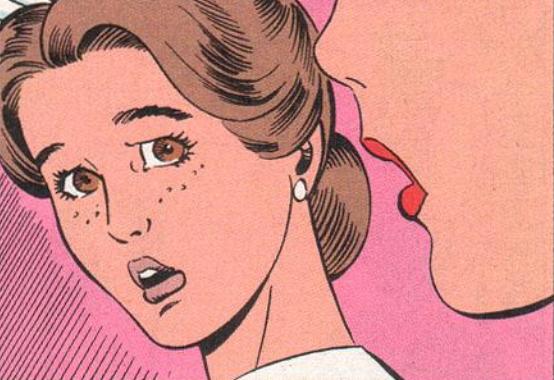
BEFORE I DEPART,
MADEMOISELLE BARBIE,
I MUST WARN YOU...

...SOME OF
MY FRESH LINENS
HAVE DISAPPEARED
FROM THE LAUNDRY
ROOM.

I FEAR
THERE'S
A THIEF IN
THE CASTLE,
SO PLEASE BE
CAREFUL
OF YOUR
BELONGINGS.

AND JUST
BETWEEN YOU
AND ME,
MADEMOISELLE
BARBIE...

...I THINK IT'S
THE BUTLER OR
THE COOK.



MEANWHILE, IN THE KITCHEN...

THE SOUFFLE* IS
ALMOST READY!
PREPARE
THE SALAD
DRESSING!

OUI,
MAESTRO!
RIGHT
AWAY!



*SOO-FLAY--A LIGHT,
FLUFFY, BAKED MAIN
DISH OR DESSERT...
Hilda

EVERYTHING IS
SO BEAUTIFUL!
IT'S A SHAME
MORE PEOPLE
CAN'T ENJOY
ITS SPLENDOR!

EXACTLY,
BARBIE!

THAT IS WHY
I WANT TO TURN
MY CASTLE INTO
A MUSEUM!



I WANT TO OPEN
THE GATES FOR
ALL TO SEE!



BUT IT IS A PROBLEM.

I NEED A PERSON
WHO UNDERSTANDS
THE HISTORY OF
THE CASTLE
TO MANAGE
MY MUSEUM.



ALAS... I
HAVE FOUND
NO ONE.

I HAVE BEEN
LOOKING FOR YEARS
FOR SOMEONE WHO
LOVES THE CASTLE
AS I DO.



TO BE CONTINUED...

MANSION MYSTERY
PT.4
THE GHOST OF ANTIOCH

KNOCK!
KNOCK!

Dear Ken,
I am having
a wonderful time
at the castle. I hope
you will come to
the wedding--

COME
IN!

YOU BELIEVE ME,
DON'T YOU,
BARBIE?

THERE REALLY IS
A GHOST IN
THIS CASTLE!

WELL, RAYMOND,
I MAY HAVE
SEEN A
GHOST ON
HALLOWEEN.

BUT WHY
DON'T YOU
COME IN AND
TELL ME
ALL ABOUT
THE "GHOST
OF ANTIOCH..."

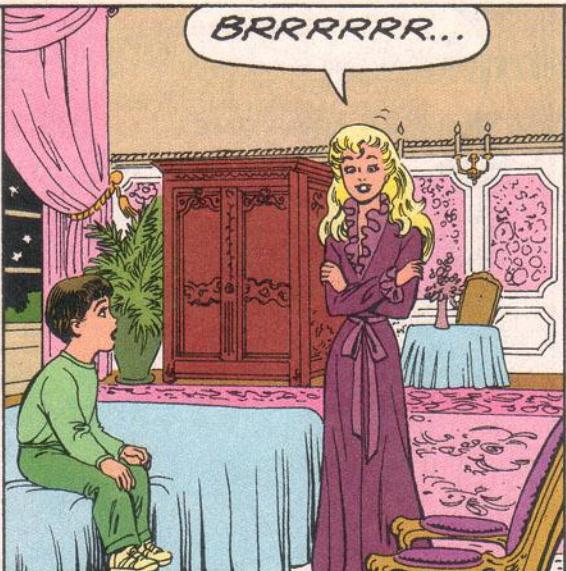
SHE'S VERY QUIET,
BARBIE. I DON'T THINK
SHE WANTS ANYBODY TO
SEE HER, BUT I'VE
BEEN WATCHING FOR
A LONG TIME!

"I'VE SEEN
HER WALKING
DOWN
THE HALLWAY..."

"...IN THE
GARDEN."

"...AND ONCE, THROUGH MY WINDOW,
I SAW HER RIDING ONE OF
THE ARABIAN HORSES!"

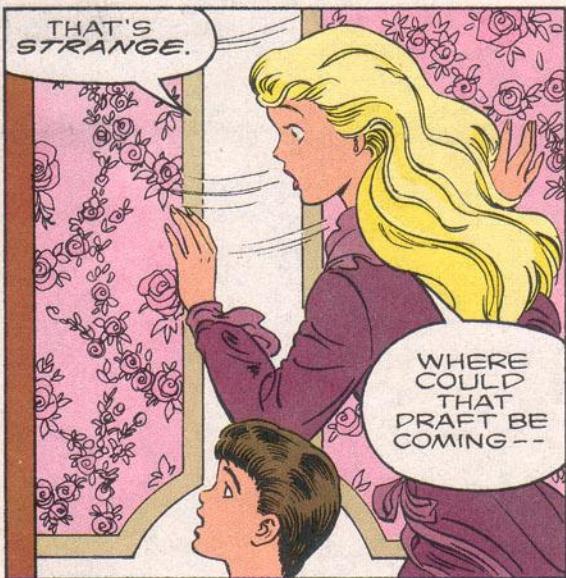
BRRRRRR...



ALL THIS TALK
ABOUT A GHOST
IS GIVING ME
THE CHILLS.



THAT'S
STRANGE.



-- FROM?!

A SECRET
DOOR! WOW!

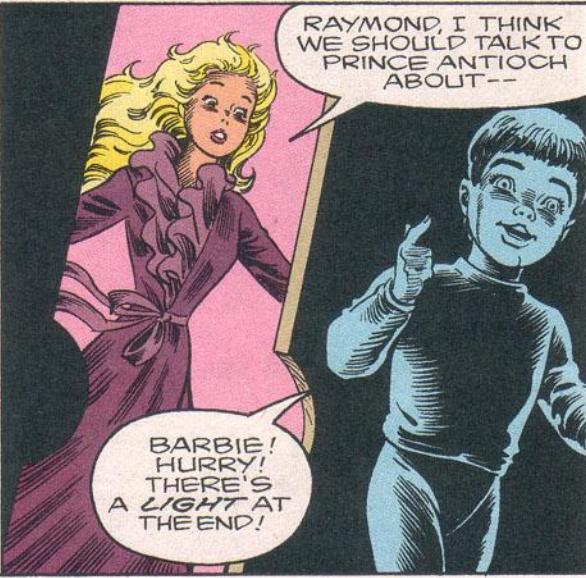


COME ON,
BARBIE! IT'S
A TUNNEL!



RAYMOND, I THINK
WE SHOULD TALK TO
PRINCE ANTIOCH
ABOUT--

BARBIE!
HURRY!
THERE'S
A LIGHT AT
THE END!





I'M REALLY NOT
SURE THIS IS SUCH
A GOOD IDEA, RAY--



WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE,
BARBIE.



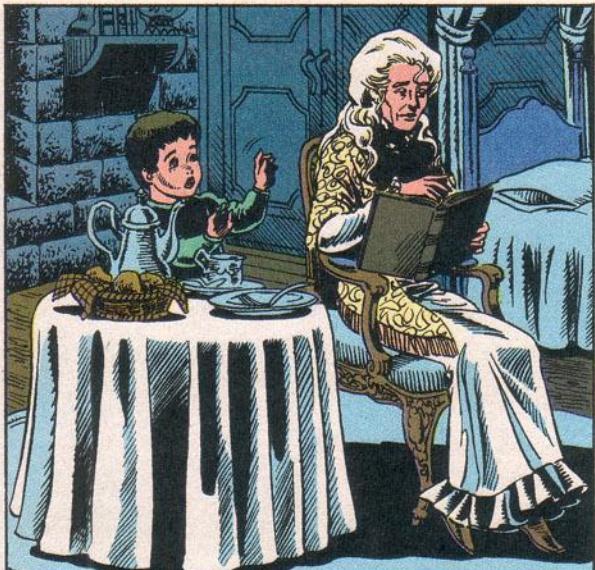
OMIGOSH!



IT'S HER!
IT'S THE GHOST
OF ANTIOCH!



RAYMOND!



IT'S ONE THING TO
SEE A GHOST,
IT'S ANOTHER TO
TALK TO ONE.

PARDON, MADAME MARTINE.
I AM BARBIE.

I HAVE ADMIRED
YOUR PORTRAIT.

BUT WHY ARE YOU LIVING IN
THIS SECRET ROOM?

THIS CASTLE HAS
BEEN MY HOME
EVER SINCE I
WAS A LITTLE
GIRL, BARBIE.

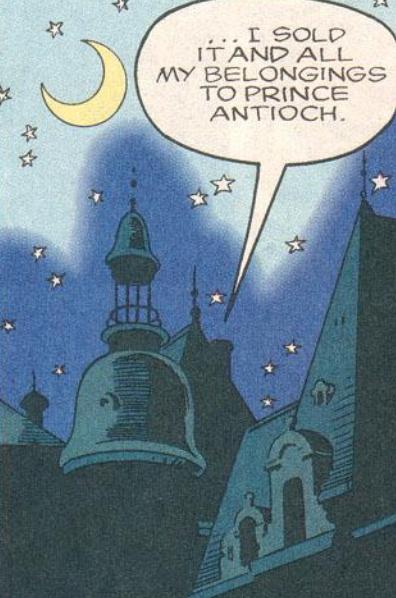
IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
OUR SECRET.
NOBODY
BELIEVES ME
ANYWAY,
MADAME
MARTINE.
I AM ONLY
A BOY.

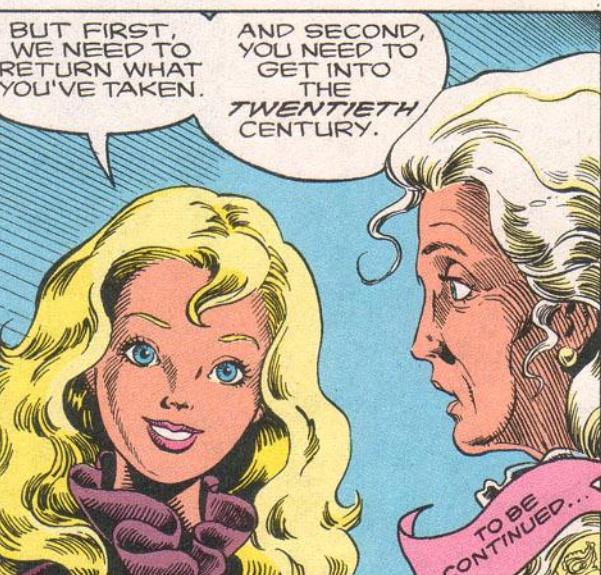
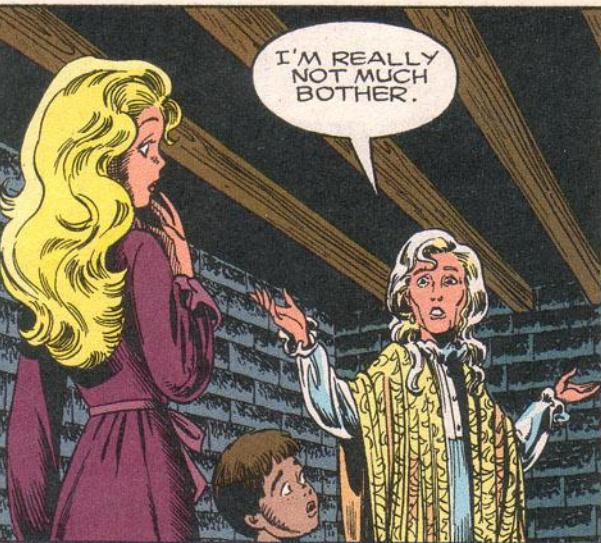
PLEASE
DON'T TELL
THE PRINCE
I AM HERE.

WHEN I GREW OLDER
AND COULD NO LONGER
CARE FOR SUCH
A GRAND CASTLE...

I SOLD
IT AND ALL
MY BELONGINGS
TO PRINCE
ANTIOCH.

BUT WHEN
IT CAME
TIME FOR
ME TO LEAVE,
I COULD
NOT GO!





PT.5 MANSION MYSTERY
WEDDING PRESENCE

THE NEXT DAY...

OH MY! THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THE WEDDING!

MORE FLOWERS!
MORE VASES.
MORE--

--LINENS!?

AND I THOUGHT THE BUTLER OR COOK STOLE THEM!

AND NOW FOR THE
PIECE DE RESISTANCE!

PARDON,
MAESTRO!

I FOUND
THE BAGUETTES
IN THE PANTRY!

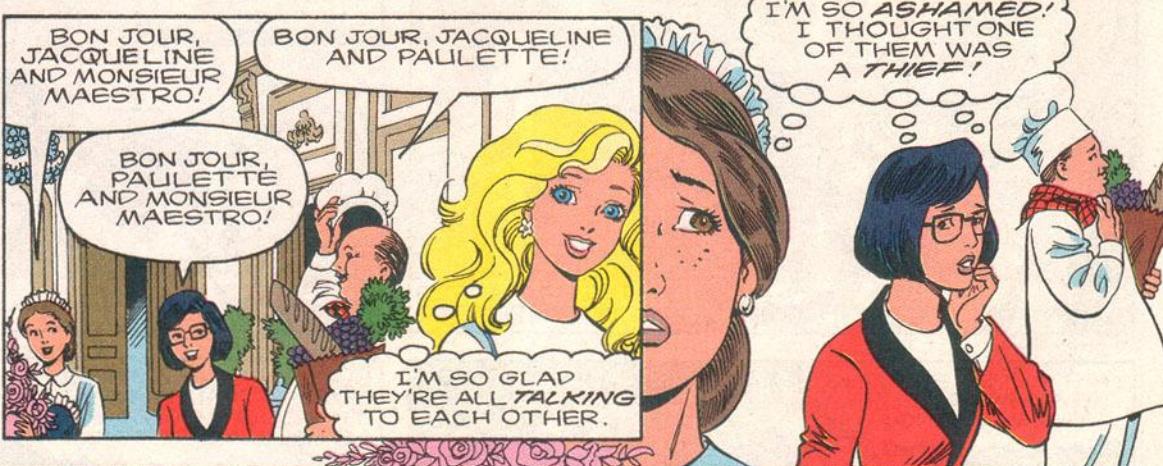
I GUESS THEY
WEREN'T STOLEN
AFTER ALL!

THIS PLACE SETTING
IS PERFECT FOR
THE WEDDING!

BUT... IT'S ALL HERE,
THAT'S STRANGE. I THOUGHT
THE COOK OR MAID
STOLE A SETTING.



AND SOON...



CLOSE YOUR EYES!

THANK YOU,
BARBIE. BUT IT
IS UNNECESSARY.
MY PRESENT
IS HAVING
YOUR PRESENCE
AT MY WEDDING!

OPEN
THEM!

MADAME
MARTINE?!

YOU WANTED SOMEONE TO
MANAGE YOUR MUSEUM
WHO LOVES THE CASTLE
AS YOU DO.

AND THAT IS
ME, YOUR
HIGHNESS.

I LOVE
THIS CASTLE!
IT WAS
MY HOME!

I KNOW ALL
THE ART AND
HISTORY
WITHIN
THESE WALLS.

THANK YOU, BARBIE
AND MADAME MARTINE!

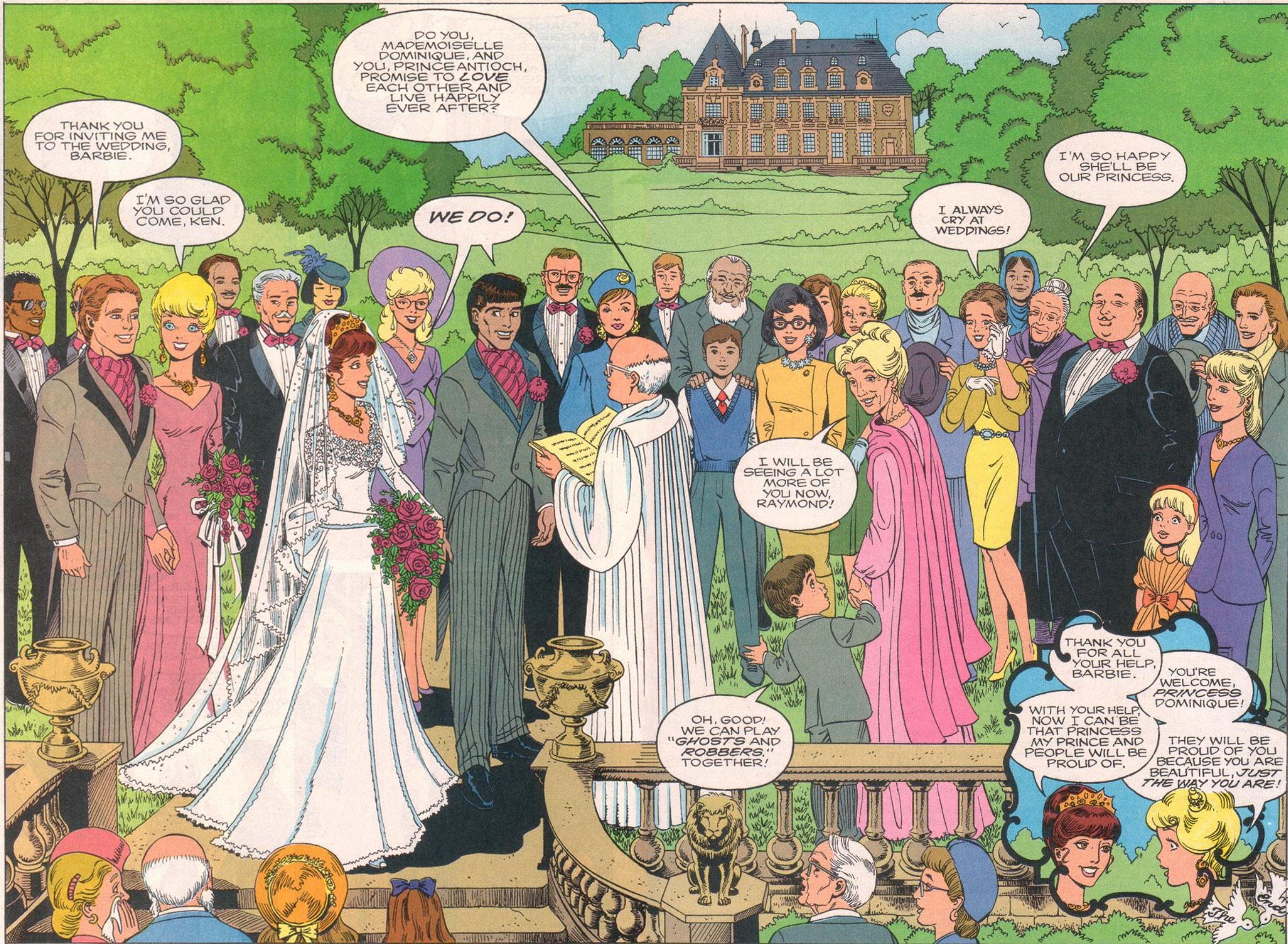
NOW I CAN OPEN
MY GATES FOR ALL TO
SEE! THIS IS THE BEST
PRESENT WE COULD
EVER
RECEIVE!

PLEASE ATTEND
THE WEDDING,
MADAME MARTINE!

I WOULD BE
HONORED.

CAN YOU MOVE
INTO THE CASTLE
RIGHT AWAY AND
GET STARTED?

MOVE IN? I
THINK
THAT CAN BE
ARRANGED.



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Dear BARBIE,

Hello! My name is Teresa Alber. I bought my BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics at the ABC Food Market in Montrose, Pennsylvania. Could you send more of your fantastic comics there? Thank you.

Teresa Alber, age 11
Kingsey, PA

We're so glad you like the comics, Teresa! But here at Marvel, we only make the comics, we don't sell them! If your local market or comics shop runs out of BARBIE or BARBIE FASHION comics, let the store manager know you're a big fan and ask if he or she can order more. But the best way to guarantee you don't miss another issue, is to subscribe! Subscribers receive their comics every month, right at their doorstep! Simply fill out the subscription form in the back of this very issue and mail it in. Be sure to check with a parent or an adult first. Thanks for writing and good luck!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Elizabeth, and I live in Michigan. I just wanted to write to say how much I like Barbies, and how much I love your comics. I've got lots of Barbie stuff. I'm your number one fan!

Elizabeth Sarah Bommarito, age 10
Allen Park, MI

Thanks so much for writing, Elizabeth! It's always nice to hear that you're enjoying BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Jessica. I like your comics even though I just have two of them.

I have lots of Barbie dolls at my house. I have two Barbie dolls that my mom gave me. My mom played with Barbie dolls when she was a little girl. She likes Barbie, too!

Jessica Aguirre, age 8
El Paso, TX

That's one of the things that's so special about Barbie, Jessica! Mothers and daughters can both be Barbie fans! She's a doll for all ages!

Dear Barbie,

This may be the first letter to your comics from a guy. I've been buying BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION for my niece for a few years now. I usually read them myself. The artwork is wonderful and the stories are nice. Barbie is a great role model for kids — and maybe adults, too.

Your stories touch me deep down inside, where I think I've locked my childhood safely away. I wish they didn't, and I'm glad they do. I wish these comics had been around when I was a kid. They might have made a big difference in my life.

Anyway, I just wanted to say thanks. Keep up the good work.

Deva
British Columbia, Canada

Actually, yours was not the first letter from a guy, Deva! We get letters from many different types of fans, and that includes guys! Thanks for writing and touching us with the kind words for BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics. As long as we have readers like you, you can be sure we'll keep up the good work!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi. When I grow up I would like to be a writer, a musician, or an astronaut. I think I have a good shot at getting the perfect job for me. Sometimes, when I finish practicing my viola, I read for one of your comics to get the feeling back in my arms!

I have quite a lot of comics from many comic companies, but for some reason, I only read yours! Why? Your comics are extraordinary and eloquent! They are fun and delightful to read! I really enjoy your comics and I'm happy that I have something to reach for after practicing my festival music.

Laurie Vazquez, age 11
Holbrook, NY

Thanks for all the compliments, Laurie! You sound as if you are very committed to reaching your goals! And, as you already know, practice makes perfect!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Heather and I love reading BARBIE FASHION. I hope to become a fashion designer when I get to college. The way I chose to be a fashion designer was by seeing the new looks for Barbie right next to the letters page! I thought it was cool to make up your own clothes! Do you have any suggestions for a college where there is a good program in fashion design?

Heather Mihalek, age 10
Cleveland, OH

There are many excellent schools to study fashion design, Heather! You can begin your research on fashion institutes at your local library, and by talking with a parent or adult about your goals. When you are in high school, your guidance counselor can help you.

In the meantime, we hope you'll be sending in some of your original designs to the address at the top of this page, and enjoying the few we have room to print every month!

Dear Barbie,

My name is Jennifer and I am 11 years old. My mom and I are big fans of yours! We read all of your BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comic books. I like your comics because unlike

other comic books, there is no violence, the women are fully dressed, and the drawings are pretty, colorful and realistic!

Jennifer Rodriguez, age 11
Lake Elsinore, CA

It's wonderful to hear that Barbie has fans of all ages, Jennifer! We're glad you and your mom share such a great experience each month. We hope you enjoyed the *tres beaux* colors of Paris in this very issue! Thanks to our colorist/correspondence editor, Sara Mossoff!



BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

This is the time of year when we all look forward to celebrating the holidays! But some of our BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers will be celebrating more than the holidays — their birthdays! The birthdays this month are:

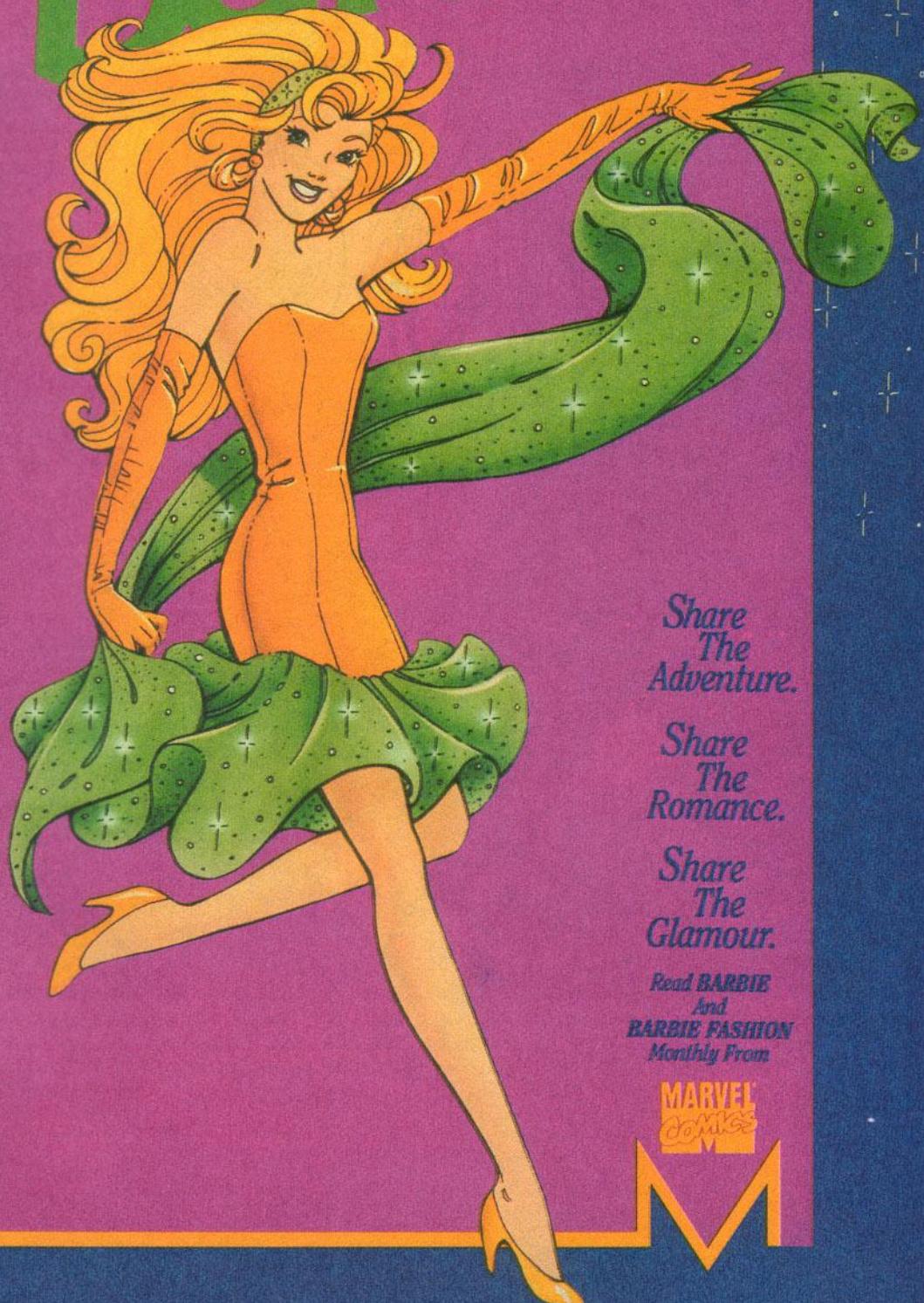
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- 12/17, Heather Anna Lee Norman, 9, New Braunfels, TX
- 12/19, Tasia Lee, 7, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 12/19, Josephine Gonzalez, 12, Richmond Hill, NY
- 12/19, Michelle Lenhart, 7, Bloomsburg, PA
- 12/21, Kimberly Hamilton, 11, Wilmington, NC
- 12/22, Christine Kaymen, 13, Australia
- 12/23, Tiffany Hanselman, 11, Hoosick Falls, NY
- 12/24, Sara Junya, 9, Byron, IL
- 12/25, Kate Stenson, 10, Cleveland Heights, OH
- 12/25, Sara Jones, 7, Punta Gorda, FL
- 12/26, Liza Silbey, 9, Miami, FL
- 12/28, Tonini Peterside, 8, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
- 12/29, Lindsey Brooke Deckard, 10, Lafayette, TN
- 12/31, Rachael Mesnik, 2, Naples, FL

And a very special happy birthday on 12/28 to Ralf Macchio, Barbie's favorite *daredevil*!

Happy birthday to these and all the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating their special day this month!

If you would like to see your birthday here, send your name, age, address and birthday to the address at the top of this page. Be sure to send it in six months ahead of time!

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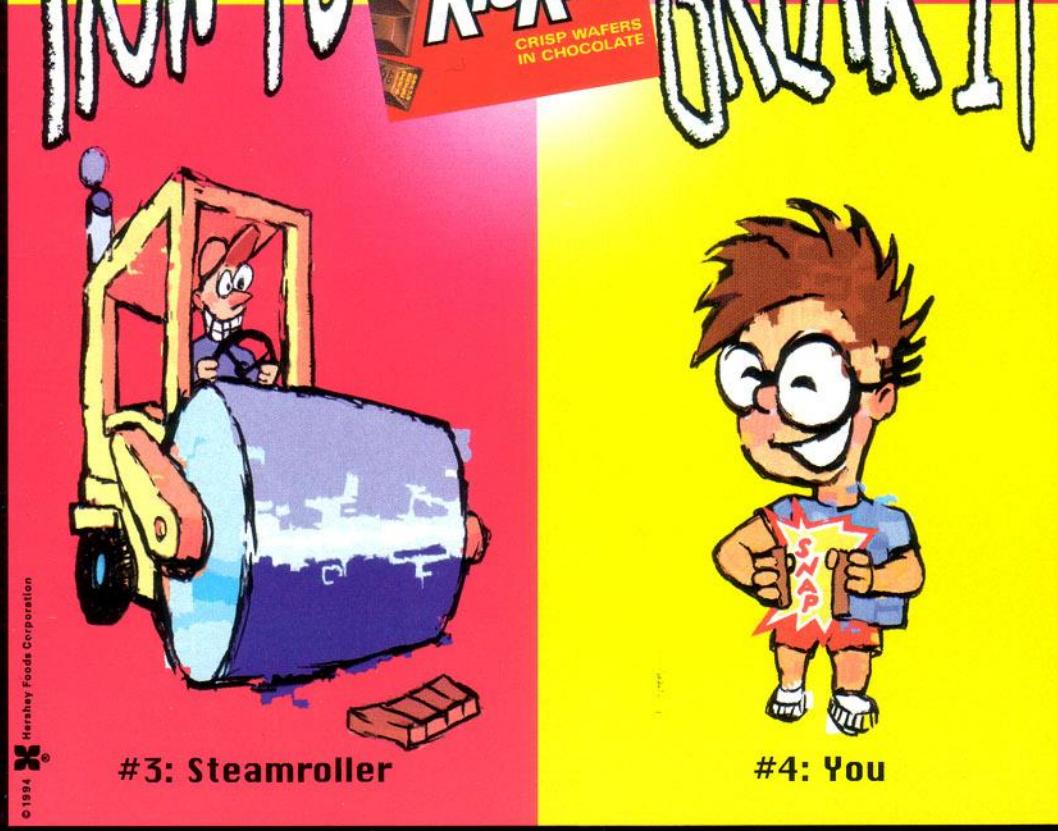
Swing a sword to defeat
pirates!



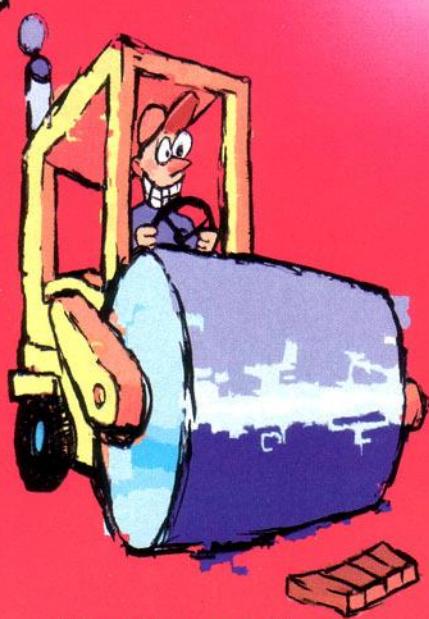
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